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The President today sent to the Senate for confirmation the nomination of George Frost Kennan as American Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Mr. Kennan will replace Admiral Alan G. Kirk, who has been Ambassador at Moscow since 1949.

Mr. Kennan, a Foreign Service Officer of career, was born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on February 16, 1904. He attended St. Johns Military Academy and graduated from Princeton University in 1925. He entered the Foreign Service in 1926 and has specialized in Soviet affairs during a large portion of his career. His assignments have included tours of duty in the Baltic States, Berlin, Vienna and Prague, as well as several years at Moscow. His last assignment abroad was at the latter post, where he served as Minister-Counselor 1944-1946.

Since 1946 Mr. Kennan has held the position of Deputy for Foreign Affairs at the National War College and later of Director of the Policy Planning Staff and Counselor of the Department of State. In 1950 Mr. Kennan took leave of absence from the State Department to serve on the staff of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, New Jersey. He has also been connected with the Ford Foundation and has filled numerous speaking engagements.

Mr. Kennan has written several widely discussed articles on the subject of Soviet-American relations; and his first book, "American Diplomacy 1900-1950", was published recently.

Mr. Kennan is married and has two teen-age daughters and a young son. He makes his permanent home on a farm near East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

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